

Attorney Docket No. RESP:111US
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/611,329
Reply to Office Action of May 8, 2008
Date: October 7, 2008

Remarks

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants graciously thank the Examiner for his determination that Claims 10-17 are allowable, as described in the Office Action dated May 8, 2008.

The Rejection of Claims 2-4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 2-4 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0035542 (*Tumey et al.*). Applicants have canceled Claims 2-4 and 6 thereby rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claims 2-4 and 6 is appropriate and respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 7 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 7 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tumey et al.* in view of United States Patent No. 6,873,715 (*Kuo et al.*). Applicants have canceled Claims 7 and 22 thereby rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claims 7 and 22 is appropriate and respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Tumey et al.* in view of United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0152034 (*Kondo et al.*). Applicants have canceled Claims 8 and 9 thereby rendering this rejection moot.

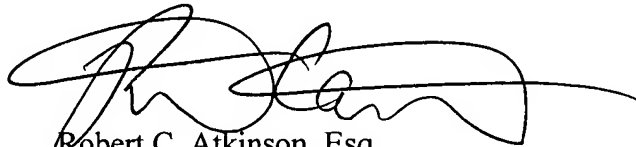
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claims 8 and 9 is appropriate and respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Atkinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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